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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **DEVICE FOR DETECTING A BODY FALL
INTO A SWIMMING POOL**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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